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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
2. This REPORT consists of a total of <u>5</u> sheets, including this cover sheet. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT). These annexes consist of a total of <u>4</u> sheets.
3. This report contains indications relating to the following items: I <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basis of the report II <input type="checkbox"/> Priority III <input type="checkbox"/> Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability IV <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of unity of invention V <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement VI <input type="checkbox"/> Certain documents cited VII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain defects in the international application VIII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain observations on the international application

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I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

- ☐ the international application as originally filed
- ☒ the description:
pages _____ 2-8 _____, as originally filed
pages _____, filed with the demand
pages _____ 1,1a _____, filed with the letter of _____ 27 July 2004 (27.07.2004)
- ☒ the claims:
pages _____, as originally filed
pages _____, as amended (together with any statement under Article 19
pages _____, filed with the demand
pages _____ 1-5 _____, filed with the letter of _____ 27 July 2004 (27.07.2004)
- ☒ the drawings:
pages _____ 1/2-2/2 _____, as originally filed
pages _____, filed with the demand
pages _____, filed with the letter of _____
- ☐ the sequence listing part of the description:
pages _____, as originally filed
pages _____, filed with the demand
pages _____, filed with the letter of _____

2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language _____ which is:

- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- ☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
- ☐ the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- ☐ contained in the international application in written form.
- ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- ☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- ☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☒ the description, pages _____ 1 _____
- ☒ the claims, Nos. _____ 1-10 _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/fig _____

5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**

* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rule 70.16 and 70.17).

** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-5	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-5	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-5	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations

Reference is made to the following document:

D1: US 2002/055808 A1 (MATSUMOTO SHINJI) 9 May 2002
(2002-05-09)

- Document D1 is considered the prior art closest to the subject matter of claim 1 and discloses (the references between parentheses refer to that document):
a method for displaying navigational information for a vehicle, in which method the navigational information is displayed in the form of a virtual pilot vehicle using an image of the vehicle environment (paragraph 36 and figure 4) and in which a virtual pilot vehicle is positioned on the image of the road such that it appears to travel in front of the driver at a reference distance dependent on speed (paragraph 42 and figure 6).

The subject matter of claim 1 thus differs from the known method in that driving too close to another vehicle is indicated by an actual vehicle being located in the image between the driver and the virtual vehicle.

The subject matter of claim 1 is therefore novel (PCT Article 33(2)).

The present invention can thus be considered to address the problem of indicating in an intuitive and easily understandable manner if a vehicle is driving too close to another vehicle at a given speed.

The solution to this problem proposed in claim 1 of the present application involves an inventive step (PCT Article 33(3)) for the following reasons:

A representation in which it is indicated whether a vehicle is driving too close to another vehicle by means of a pilot vehicle displayed at the requisite minimum distance from the driver is neither known nor obvious.

Claims 2 to 4 are dependent on claim 1 and therefore likewise meet the PCT requirements for novelty and inventive step.

2. Claim 5 describes a device for displaying navigational information which is configured so as to carry out the steps indicated in claim 1. Consequently, claim 5 likewise meets the PCT requirements for novelty and inventive step.
3. Claims 1 to 5 are considered industrially applicable in the field of vehicle navigation systems.